

REMARKS

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 3-7, and 9 under the obviousness provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 103 as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,931,900 to Notani in view of APA (Admitted Prior Art). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 of the present invention has been amended to include the limitation previously recited in Claim 2, and specifically was amended to recite: “wherein the first computer based service tool provides diagnostic services that determine a status of the machine, or a portion thereof”. Bullen discloses that a user can select from various Functional Modules to access diagnostics on the tooling operation. However, accessing diagnostic information is different than providing diagnostic services for the machine (e.g., performing diagnostic routines that determine the status of the machine or a portion thereof). Therefore, Claim 1 is not taught or suggested by the cited passages. Therefore, Claim 1 and the associated dependent claims 3 – 8 are believed allowable.

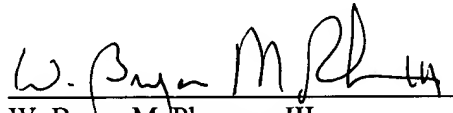
Independent Claims 9, 11, 16, 24, 26, and 27 have also been amended to include the limitation of the first computer based service tool providing “diagnostic services that determine a status of the machine, or a portion thereof”. Therefore, by analogy to Claim 1, Claims 9, 11, 16, 24, 26, and 27 and the respective dependent claims 10, 12 – 15, 18 – 24, and 25 are also believed to be allowable.

Claim 2, 10 – 27 have been rejected under the obviousness provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 103 as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,931,900 to Notani in view of APA (Admitted Prior Art) and further in view of Bullen et al (US Patent 6,033,226). The rejection is respectfully traversed. Claims 2 and 17 have been canceled. In addition, the Amendment described above to the independent Claims 11, 16, 24, 26, and 27 are believed to place the application in a condition for allowance, as discussed above.

Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections, and that they withdraw them. The Examiner is courteously invited to telephone the undersigned representative if they believe that an interview might be useful for any reason.

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